remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$8639.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### WILDFIRES PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on Federal agency preparedness for the summer wildfires of 2000, and the President's plan, entitled "Managing the Impact of Wildfires on Communities and the Environment", after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; and Tom Fry, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

# House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 18 through September 23, 2000

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4444, Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4444, Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur at 2:15 p.m.; following which, Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, H–1B Non-immigrant Visa.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: September 18, to hold hearings to examine the under-use of hospice care in America, 1:30 p.m., SD-562.

September 21, Full Committee, with the Committee on Small Business, to hold joint hearings to examine issues relating to pension benefits guaranty cooperation delivery with retirees, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 20, to hold hearings to examine food safety issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

September 21, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on S. 2709, to establish a Beef Industry Compensation Trust Fund with the duties imposed on products of countries that fail to comply with certain WTO dispute resolution decisions, 3 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: September 20, Sub-committee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the impact of antimicrobial resistance, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: September 19, to hold hearings on United States policy towards Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

September 21, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on the recruiting initiatives of the Department of Defense and the military services and to receive an update on the status of recruiting and retention goals, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 20, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on global warming issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; S. 2906, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the city of Loveland, Colorado, to use Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2942, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia; S. 2951, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River; and S. 3022, to